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1. SUMMARY AND COPIES SECRETARY'S IEA/OECD PROPOSALS DISTRIBUTED TO KUWAIT MINISTRIES OIL, FINANCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ONLY LOCAL COMMENT SO FAR WAS OBSERVATION BY MINOIL UNDER SECRETARY ADASANI THAT IT APPEARED USG POSITION IS EVOLVING IN MORE HELPFUL DIRECTION AND THAT OIL MINISTER WOULD STUDY US PROPOSALS IN DETAIL BEFORE GABON OPEC MEETING. DEFINITIVE GOK POSITION WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT CABINET CONSIDERATION. (MATTER NOT DISCUSSED CABINET SESSION JUNE 1 AND, FROM WHAT WE CAN DETERMINE, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AT JUNE 7 MEETING WHICH WILL BE DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO PREPARATIONS VISIT JUNE 8 SAUDI PRINCE FAHD).

2. ONLY DEFINITIVE STATEMENT BY SENIOR GOK OFFICIAL ON USG IEA PROPOSALS WAS THAT MADE BY MINFIN ATEEQI MAY 28 IN PARIS BEFORE FRANCO-ARAB PRESS ASSOCIATION IN WHICH, INTER ALIS, HE SAID "I AM ONLY CONCERNED WITH RESULTS. IT DOES NOT MATTER TO ME WHETHER SUCH COMMISSIONS ARE SET UP. WHAT WE ARE AFTER IS RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE, AND WE SIMPLY MUST REACH AN UNDERSTANDING BEFORE SEPTEMBER.....OIL WILL DEFINITELY GO UP IF NOTHING IS DONE BY THEN." ATEEQI ALLEGEDLY STRESSED THE NEED FOR CAREFUL PREPARATIONS "OTHERWISE A NEW FAILURE WILL BE MOST DAMAGING. WE DEFINITELY WILL NOT DISCUSS THE SITUATION ON THE BASIS OF THE PRICE OF OIL ALONE. UNLESS THE PRICE OF OIL IS TIED TO THE PRICES OF OTHER COMMODITIES AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, I DO NOT THINK THAT ANY OF THE MEMBERS OF OPEC WILL BE PREPARED TO TALK." REPORT ABOVE PRESS CONFERENCE APPEARS MAY 30 MEES.

3. EMBASSY SUSPECTS THAT GOK WILL FOLLOW PAST CAUTIOUS PRACTICE AND NOT COMMENT RE USG PROPOSALS UNTIL IT CLEAR WHAT MAJORITY VIEW OTHER OPEC STATES IS ON USG INITIATIVE.

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